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CHAPTER: 11 HEALTH SERVICES	SUBJECT: INMATE WORKERS	
APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER:		
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PURPOSE:

To define use of inmate workers in healthcare area.

POLICY:

1. Inmate workers are not used to:
 - a. Perform direct patient care services.
 - b. Schedule healthcare appointments.
 - c. Determine access of other inmates to healthcare.
 - d. Handle or have access to:
 1. Surgical instruments
 2. Syringes
 3. Needles
 4. Medications
 5. Medical Records
 - e. Operate diagnostic or therapeutic equipment except as part of a vocational program.
 - f. Inmate workers should not handle biohazardous waste unless they have received appropriate training and have been offered hepatitis vaccine according to OSHA standards. Appropriate personal protective equipment will be provided for the discharge of these duties.
2. Inmate works (offender assistants) duties may include:
 - Peer support and education
 - Hospice activities

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- Assisting impaired inmates on a one - to - one basis with activities of daily living
 - Serving as a suicide buddy if program is offered and after training
 - Janitorial and other duties not included in #1 above
3. The correctional staff supervises inmate workers.

References:

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